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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Tomoharu HASE, et al. ) Examiner: G. Evans  
(Continuation of Copending ) Group Art Unit: 1725  
Appln. No. 09/240,839, )  
filed February 1, 1999) )  
Filed: Concurrently herewith )  
For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND ) June 8, 2001  
METHOD OF CLEANING )  
OPTICAL ELEMENT OF THE )  
SAME :

The Commissioner for Patents  
**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the present Abstract of the  
Disclosure with the following:

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